

Interagency Wildfire Management Team Meeting Notes October 19, 2005

Manny L'Esperance (Emergency Management and Response, LANL) has been maintaining the wildland fire suppression equipment and preparing it for winter storage. Also, the numbering of fire roads is now complete and in compliance with the 911 communication system.

Marla Rodgers (Bandelier National Monument) reported that the recent rainstorms have resulted in more than 6 inches of new precipitation in the upper Frijoles Canyon prescribed burn area. The fuel moistures need to be reduced before implementation of this prescribed fire will meet the desired objectives. Given sufficiently dry fuels, this fire could be rescheduled for any time until the middle of December. In any case, the slash piles along the east side of Forest Service Road 289 will be burned in the next few weeks.

Randy Balice (Ecology Group, LANL) announced that the slash piles at TA-54 are scheduled for removal in October.

Ed Hoth (Utilities and Infrastructure, LANL) has been working with EM&R to optimize the routine maintenance of fire roads.

Justin Cassell (Los Alamos County Fire Department) announced that the fire Department has been supporting the preparation for prescribed burns planned for Mortandad Canyon and upper Frijoles Canyon.

Sandy Hurlocker (Santa Fe National Forest) reported that burning of slash piles in the Santa Fe watershed will continue throughout November.

Craig Martin (Parks Division, Los Alamos County) is preparing for thinning of about 37 acres in the Los Pueblos Canyon area. This fire hazard reduction treatment will occur next summer.

The next IWMT meeting will be at 9:30 AM on Wednesday, November 2, at TA-21, Building 210 in the ENV-ECO (Ecology Group) Conference Room (142). The IWMT meets every other week and these meetings are open to the public. Contact Randy Balice (balice@lanl.gov, 665-1270) for further information, or to get on the distribution list for these meeting notes.